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• Torchbearer Emily Barnes at the Millennium Stadium

Cardiff all set to welcome the Olympic Flame

CARDIFF is gearing up for an exciting torch relay event which will see the Olympic Flame carried through the streets of the city.

The event is taking place on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26, with residents and communities encouraged to get into the spirit of the Games by welcoming the flame to their nearest street and celebrating the achievements of those selected to carry it in the relay.

As an overnight stop for the flame, Cardiff will also host a free evening of

entertainment in Coopers Field on May 25 to celebrate the occasion. The ticketed concert will include popular rock band You Me At Six, Brit award winner Emeli Sandé and Cardiff-born Kids In Glass Houses.

One of the inspirational torchbearers who has been selected to carry the flame during its visit to the city is Emily Barnes who works for Cardiff Council's Social Lettings Unit.

Emily is also a volunteer for Friends 4U, a Council volunteering scheme which offers support and friendship

to young people aged between eight and 16 years who are in need, at risk or whose families need special help.

Emily, 26, was nominated to be an Olympic Torchbearer by Friends 4U coordinator Martine Rowe who wanted to acknowledge the commitment and enthusiasm she has contributed to the scheme and the positive impact she has made during her five years volunteering.

Emily said: "Making a difference in a child's life is wonderful and I hope to inspire others to volunteer by

carrying the torch. I'm thrilled and honoured to take part."

Martine added: "Emily is an amazing volunteer who has become a positive adult role model in each of the young person's lives. She deserves to have the honour of being an Olympic Torchbearer to recognise her dedication and commitment to the young people and the project."

An average of 115 Torchbearers a day will carry the Olympic Flame during its 8,000 mile journey around the UK before it arrives at the Olympic Stadium on July 27

for the lighting of the cauldron at the Opening Ceremony, signifying the official start of the London 2012 Olympic Games.

The Millennium Stadium is hosting eleven Olympic Football games, including the first event on July 25.

• For a map of the route turn to page four or visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/olympics2012 or www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay for street-by-street details and proposed start times for when the flame will travel through Cardiff.

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The latest in a regular series looking at jobs carried out by Council employees. This month **Steve Reed**, Empty Property Officer, talks to Capital Times



Photograph by Emily Morris

When I joined the Council I have to admit that I never thought I'd still be here almost 10 years later. In saying that, it's a testament to how much I enjoy my job and the contribution it makes to peoples' lives.

I started as an Empty Homes Technician with private sector housing producing brochures and posters to promote the work that the Council was doing on empty properties. I guess it's through that work that I then became a fully-fledged Empty Property Officer myself; in fact, Cardiff Council's only

dedicated EPO. And with over 10,000 people on the housing waiting list, it's never been more important to find accommodation for residents in Cardiff, especially with more and more finding themselves unemployed and unable to pay big mortgages.

The work of an Empty Property Officer primarily involves bringing back to use rundown, empty homes which bring with them a number of problems such as fly-tipping, vandalism, squatting and other types of anti-social behaviour, as well as being a waste

of a potential home. I track owners down and monitor and persuade them to bring these properties back into use.

At any one time we have around 150 active cases, with a lot of these being empty homes that have been reported to me by concerned neighbours. On top of that, every two years we send out a mailshot to everybody on the council tax list with empty properties - around 2000 letters in total.

I've met all sorts in my job. Some of the owners have been very co-operative, others not so.

There are also a lot of reasons for properties being empty. It could be that the owners have decided to work abroad, that the property is the subject of a legal battle or that the owner has passed away.

As a last resort, the Council can pursue a Compulsory Purchase Order where persuasion or statutory notices have failed but there are a lot of options available to owners. I advise them on everything from renting or leasing these properties, getting housing associations or management agencies

involved, to ultimately selling them.

Since I started in this job we've been able to bring back more than 600 properties to use which has helped make positive improvement to a number of neighbourhoods in Cardiff. That alone makes the job very satisfying and worthwhile. I've also appeared on several series of the popular daytime BBC programme, Britain's Empty Homes, which has raised the profile of the work I do and shows that people really do care about empty properties in their communities.

Students credit campaign by banking old goods

AS part of the Get It Out For Cardiff campaign 14 re-use banks are being installed and trialled in key student locations across the city.

The re-use banks will collect clothing, textiles, small electrical items, books, CD's and DVD's all year round.

The banks are located around Cardiff University, Cardiff Students Union, Cardiff Metropolitan University, Liberty Living and Victoria Halls, with other sites in Cardiff being identified and installed as the scheme progresses.

The initiative is the result of a new partnership with the YMCA who have joined the Get It Out For Cardiff scheme, allowing it to become a year round campaign.

The YMCA will use the materials and any

proceeds from the collections to directly reinvest in projects and services for homeless people at the Cardiff YMCA Housing Association.

Each year at the end of term Green Zones are installed across halls of residences and unions to collect re-usable items for charity. Last year more than nine tonnes of items, that previously would have been destined for landfill, were collected.

Get It Out For Cardiff is a Keep Cardiff Tidy partnership. The re-use campaign is led by Cardiff's Student Liaison Officer, Kieran McCann and Lucy Prisk from Cardiff Council's waste management team.

Kieran said: "We are always looking at inventive ways to increase the scope of re-use so I'm delighted

the YMCA has come on board with the partnership. This allows us to develop the scheme year round, increase re-use, continue to divert items away from landfill and benefit charities and the local community. This really showcases the ongoing commitment to recycling

across the city."

YMCA manager Andrew Jenkins said: "We are thrilled to be involved and come on board with such an innovative scheme. With the funds from donations we will develop more training placements on the YMCA Volunteer Scheme and invest in projects and

services for homeless people at the Cardiff YMCA Housing Association."

• Campaign information including pin point google maps of the locations of the Green Zones and YMCA banks can be found via the website:
<http://www.cardiffdigs.co.uk/getitout.htm>



• (From L to R) Andrew Jenkins, YMCA, Kieran McCann, Student Liaison Officer and Lucy Prisk, Waste Management next to a new re-use bank.

Committee
dates May

Thursday, May 17, Annual Council, 4.30pm, City Hall.

Dates are correct at time of going to press, however changes can occur due to unforeseen circumstances. If you wish to attend any of these meetings, details may be confirmed with Committee Services at County Hall on 029 2087 2000.

Marvellous Morfydd turns 105



Photograph by Katherine Campbell

MORFYDD Morgan celebrated her 105th birthday by having afternoon tea at St Davids Hotel and Spa in Cardiff Bay.

Morfydd, who was born on April 11, 1907, was delighted when the Deputy Lord Mayor, Jayne Cowan made a surprise appearance to wish her many happy returns and present her with a bouquet of flowers.

The great-grandmother from Penylan still lives independently at the house she bought in 1933, with the help of visiting carers and her daughter Jennifer.

Morfydd's life spans 20 Prime Ministers, five monarchs, two World Wars and, although she was only five at the time, she can even remember the news about the Titanic sinking.

"I always remember when it went down," she said. "It was an awful shock."

Asked about how it felt to turn 105, Morfydd said: "I can manage still. I'm quite happy, and I've got carers who are delightful."

Originally born in Pontypridd, Morfydd moved to Pembrokeshire at the age of two and briefly went to Howells girls school in Cardiff aged 16 before starting work as a secretary.

She married David Herbert Morgan, who earned an MBE for his work with boys clubs and they had one child Jennifer, who is now 73.

Jennifer said: "Mum's got a really good sense of humour and can see the funny side of everything."

Asked about the key to her longevity Morfydd, who is also a grandmother to two and a great-grandmother to six, said: "A happy family and staying on the go. Never stop. I was always out."

• Morfydd celebrating her birthday at the St Davids Hotel in Cardiff Bay

Housing the homeless

TWO important council housing projects in the city have reached significant milestones.

The first is the newly refurbished Greenfarm Hostel which opened its doors for the first time last month and provides 25 bed spaces for homeless families.

The hostel, based in Ely, is an innovative development and the result of a partnership between Cardiff Council and local housing association Cadwyn.

The hostel has been converted from an old farmhouse which has been renovated to create an attractive and tranquil setting for vulnerable families in the city and includes an IT suite and Enterprise Workshop.

Ten houses have been built next to the hostel, owned and

managed by Cadwyn, to provide additional social housing.

Chris O'Meara, Chief Executive of Cadwyn said: "We work closely with the council to reduce homelessness in the city. It is important to both of us that we help reduce the trauma of homelessness on families and help them rebuild their lives. A high quality building designed with their needs in mind is an essential element."

Another project nearing fruition for the council's housing team is the new Single Assessment Centre which is being built on the former Tresillian House site.

A special 'topping out' ceremony took place at the £9.4m centre, with the final tile placed on the roof of the property, ready for work to begin on fitting the inside.

The new Single Assessment Centre will provide accommodation for the homeless in Cardiff, including a suite where health services can be provided. It will comprise of two hostels with 44 ensuite bedrooms, 16 overnight emergency beds and a new Huggard Day Centre along with training and development facilities.

The new centre is being funded by Cardiff Council, the Welsh Government, Hafod Housing Association, Huggard and the Big Lottery.

Richard Edwards, Chief Executive, Huggard, said: "The topping out of this development brings our goal into sight of being able to make a real difference to many deeply excluded people. We will be providing the very best facilities for homeless people in Cardiff. We look forward to realising the potential of this development this summer."



Photograph by Katherine Campbell

• Greenfarm manager Adrian Price outside the renovated hostel



News in brief

Room for improvement

COMMUNITY groups can apply for up to £5,000 from Cardiff Council to improve their buildings.

The community buildings grant can help with projects such as structural repairs and alterations, safety and security improvements, energy efficiency measures and better access. The projects must fall under one of the following criteria:

- Enhancement or improvement of the structure of the building
- Upgrading of fire safety provisions, health and safety/security provisions
- New kitchens or toilet facilities.
- Improving accessibility into and within the building
- Upgrading of Electrical, Drainage and Lighting systems
- Installation of double glazing windows and doors
- Installation of energy efficiency measures

One of the groups that were awarded a grant last year was The Sbectrwm Centre based in Fairwater. Their building is well used by various sections of the community and the grant enabled them to enhance their entrance, making it more suitable for users with disabilities.

The Sbectrwm Centre's manager, Barry Shiers said: "The grant has been very useful in helping us to improve the facilities that we can offer to the local community. It has had a very positive impact upon our building and our users, especially those who most benefit from easier access"

The deadline for applications is 29 June 2012 and interested groups should contact the Neighbourhood Regeneration team on 029 2087 3162 or email

neighbourhoodregeneration@cardiff.gov.uk as soon as possible to discuss ideas or find out more information.

Cardiff goes the extra Mile for Sport Relief

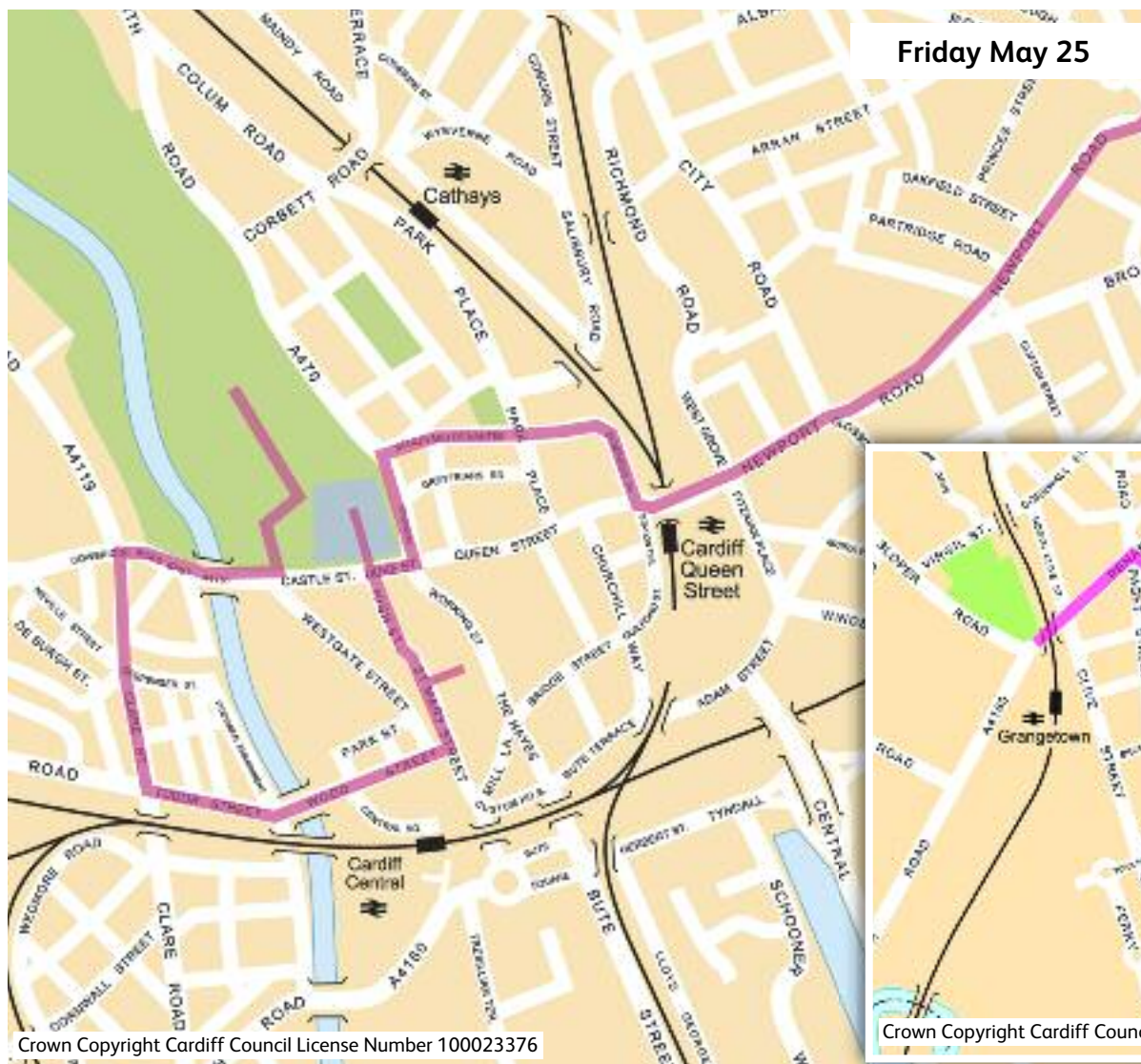
A total of 3,971 people donned running gear or fancy dress to take part in running one, three or six miles for Sport Relief.

Famous faces, including Danielle Lineker, Rhydian Roberts and Rhys from Goldie Looking Chain, joined the runners to take part in the charity event which took place in Cardiff Bay.

Danielle Lineker, said: "I am so proud to be supporting Sport Relief and doing the Cardiff Mile this year. Sport Relief is a great day out for all the family and even better, all the money raised goes to a fantastic cause."

Money raised from Sport Relief will be spent by Comic Relief to help some of the most vulnerable people in the UK and across the world's poorest countries.

The route of the Olympic flame



Friday May 25

THESE two maps show the routes of the Olympic Flame as the torchbearers run through Cardiff on Friday, May 25 and Saturday, May 26. The Flame will arrive on the outskirts of the city at 5.25pm on Friday, May 25, with the first Cardiff torchbearer starting off on Newport Road in St Mellons.

It will then travel down Newport Road to Roath, along Dumfries Place and Boulevard de Nantes, onto Kingsway, Duke Street and Castle Street with a brief stop at Cardiff Castle.

Then the torchbearer will travel along Castle Street, High Street to St David's Hall. From here it will proceed to St Mary Street, into Wood Street – past the Millennium Stadium – along Tudor Street, Clare Street and Lower

Cathedral Road before heading into Bute Park for the free 15,000-ticket concert in Coopers Field.

The relay will begin again on Saturday May 26, with a 6.29am start outside the Norwegian Church Arts Centre in Cardiff Bay.

From Harbour Drive it will travel past the National Assembly for Wales and across Road Dahl Plas before heading through Grange town along James Street, Clarence Road, Corporation Road and Penarth Road.

For a more detailed map of the route, street-by-street details and exact timings please visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/olympics2012 or <http://www.london2012.com/olympic-torch-relay>



Saturday May 26

Cardiff Youth Council hosts conference

YOUNG people across Cardiff have made their voices heard at a unique carnival themed conference.

Around 200 young people from schools, youth centres, and community organisations in Cardiff were invited to the event at City Hall.

Members of the Cardiff Youth

Council joined forces with Cardiff Council officers to organise the conference, which aimed to capture the views and opinions of the young people attending and provide a platform for youth based organisations and school councils to network.

The iSay social media tool, enabling young people to voice their opinions, was also launched at the event along with the "What Matters? Young People's Guide".

The guide is based on consultation with children and young people in Cardiff and feeds into a city-wide 10 year strategy, which sets out how organisations, from the public, private and voluntary sectors plan to work together to improve the quality of life for everyone in the city.

Cardiff Youth Council, a youth organisation representing 11 – 25 year olds from across the city, is supported by Cardiff Council's Youth Service and works alongside key decision-makers in Cardiff to lobby for positive change and opportunities for young people.

Cardiff Youth Council Chairperson Sam Patterson, who helped organise the conference, said: "This was an excellent opportunity for 200 young people from across Cardiff to come together and discuss things that affect them.

"We just want to show that young people care about important issues. We want to change things and can make a difference."

Chief Executive of Cardiff Council Jon House attended the event. He said "I was very pleased to be able to speak at this event and was very impressed by the energy and commitment young people are putting in to issues critical to the future of Cardiff."

• Young people perform at the Cardiff Youth Council conference



Biodiversity is all living things. It provides us with food, clothing, medicine, building materials and fuel. It helps reduce stress and aids relaxation. Each month Cardiff Council ecologist **Laura Palmer** will point out some of the great biodiversity you can see across the city.

MAY

In May our summer visitors are arriving and starting to make themselves known. Screaming swifts fly high about the street tops. House martins have returned and are building their charismatic nests. They nest in colonies and are particularly fond of complexes in the Bay. Nests are made of mud deposited in small blobs to make a cup shaped structure. As the chicks grow you will see their heads poking out of the



top of the nest. Sometimes nests are directly above doors or windows. The droppings from the birds can be a nuisance. The RSPB can advise on how to deal with this problem. House martins are fully protected under the Wildlife and

Countryside Act 1981 so it is an offence to kill, injure or take an adult bird, or to take, damage or destroy the eggs, young or nest while being built or in use. Please do not knock down nests when they are being built or in use as this is an offence.

If you have House martins nearby and want to attract them to your property you can purchase specially made artificial nests.

I'll be back next month with more biodiversity attractions.

Famous painting set for the Cardiff Story

A historic painting of Captain Scott's ship, the SS Terra Nova, has been bought at auction by The Cardiff Story Museum.

The painting, by Richard Short, an accomplished painter who settled in Cardiff after retiring from life as a Master Mariner, shows the ship leaving Cardiff Docks on its ill-fated Antarctic Expedition on June 15, 1910.

The painting was commissioned by Alderman W H Renwick and W H Newtown to mark the city's pride in playing such a key role in the expedition, and the money required for commissioning it was raised from public subscription.

It originally hung in the library of the Coal Exchange building in the docks. When news reached Britain of Scott's death in 1912, the Union Jack and black crepe were draped around it, echoing the profound sense of shock that was felt in the city.

Thanks to funding from Cardiff Council, the V&A Purchase Fund and UK Antarctic Heritage Trust, the painting was bought for £13,000 at an auction at Bonhams.

It means that for the first time the Cardiff Story



• Richard Short's famous painting of the SS Terra Nova.

museum has a piece to represent a landmark event in the history of Cardiff and indeed British history and the painting will help tell the story of Scott and his relationship with the city.

Cardiff played a big role in Captain Scott's journey and

Scott named Cardiff as the Terra Nova's home port in recognition of the support the expedition had received from Wales, and Cardiff in particular.

When the Terra Nova returned to Cardiff 60,000 people welcomed it home.

Cardiff Story Museum Officer Victoria Rogers said: "We're delighted to have secured this stunning painting for the museum and the people of Cardiff. The tragedy of the expedition had a profound effect on the city, which had taken Scott

and his companions to its heart, and this painting is the perfect piece to commemorate the expedition and to help tell the story to our visitors.

"Items like this don't come up at auction very often, so we're very thankful to Cardiff

Council, UK Antarctic Heritage Trust and the V&A Purchase Fund for their support in securing the painting for generations of Cardiffians to come."

• For more information on the Cardiff Story visit www.cardiffstory.com

From a special tree grows a Bute-tiful friendship

A special tree planting ceremony has taken place at the Bute Park Education Centre to commemorate the establishment of the Bute Park's Friends Group.

The Friends group, which already has 155 members, is made up of volunteers who help support one of the city's most attractive horticultural hotspots.

They help with a range of roles within the park, including maintenance and conservation activities, organising and supporting events and activities in the park as well as raising the profile of the park to the local and wider community.

The group also gives people the opportunity to express their ideas and to

learn about the ongoing Heritage Lottery Restoration Project and maintenance and management of the park.

The latest addition to the parks arboretum planted by the friends is a *Stewartia monadelphica* (or tall *Stewartia*), a rare and desirable plant native to Japan. The *Stewartia* family of shrubs and small trees is named after John Stuart 3rd Earl of Bute and father of the 1st Marquess of Bute whose family played a significant role in the development of Cardiff.

The tree, situated at the far end of the new border near the recently completed education centre, has attractive white flowers that

are produced in mid to late summer and cool green leaves which turn handsome shades of orange, red and yellow in autumn before falling.

Once mature it will develop beautiful, flaking bark which is very eye-catching in the winter time.

A spokesperson for the Friends of Bute Park said: "Planting this tree, which we hope will stand here for many years, celebrates the formation of the Friends.

"Our aim is to help to protect the amenity of the park and to make people more aware of this wonderful asset in the heart of the city.

"We are always keen to welcome new members to work with us and we hope



• Friends of Bute Park plant tree in Bute Park & Arboretum to commemorate their establishment. (L to R) Martin Sheldon, Jane Williams, Elaine Adams, Jon Green (Bute Park Project Team), Margaret Harper, Mike Harper, Barbara Brown.

this tree will grow and flourish as we as a group do."

• For more information about the Bute Parks Friends

Group please visit www.facebook.com/Bute.Park.Cardiff

More information about

the Friends Group can be found at www.buteparkfriends.weebly.com

Hidden city holiday park is May-OK

WITH the May Bank Holiday just around the corner many people will be looking to take a break away and enjoy some early summer sunshine. One holiday spot that ticks all the boxes lies nestled away in the heart of the Welsh capital.

Cardiff Caravan Park is one of the city's best kept secrets and is an appealing accommodation solution for families, couples and sports fans.

The unique caravan and camp site in Pontcanna Fields is situated in 300 acres of beautiful park land within walking distance of Cardiff city centre.

The facility, managed by Cardiff Council has been open to visitors for more than 50 years and is an ideal quiet base from which to explore the various attractions in and around the city centre.

Few sites can match the location and despite its central position the site feels almost rural and it is easy to forget the hustle and bustle of Cardiff city centre is just a short walk away.

The historic Llandaff Cathedral, Bute Park, Cardiff

Castle, shopping district and the Millennium Stadium are all in walking distance, with the waterfront attractions of Cardiff Bay also easily within reach.

The facility boasts 43 individual grasscrete pitches, room for 20 caravans on soft standing and 40 tent pitches on soft standing areas.

There is also cycle hire available within the site, CCTV monitoring, laundry facilities, dishwashing areas

and two service blocks with showers and toilets including specialist family and disabled facilities.

- The site is open 365 days a year and pitches can be booked by calling 029 2039 8362 or by completing the booking form and e-mailing it to CardiffCaravanPark@cardiff.gov.uk. For more information please visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/caravansi te or call the number above.



Photograph by Katie Nicholass

• Cardiff Caravan Park



• Road Safety Training Officer Germaine Walsh at the mobility scooter safety scheme with Donald Stark

Scoot to safety

A pilot awareness scheme about mobility scooter safety has been launched by Cardiff Council's Road Safety Team.

Held in conjunction with The Wales Mobility and Driving Assessment Centre at Rookwood Hospital, it is the first scooter safety course to be set up in Wales.

Each year in the UK, mobility scooters are considered to be responsible for as many as 150 people being injured or killed in accidents.

The aim of the Scooter Safe seminar is to advise people on safety issues relating to the safe use of

mobility scooters and to assist people on how to use their mobility scooter, together with advice on the law and the Highway Code.

The seminar consists of a classroom theory session followed by a practical training session at the Road Safety Centre at Maindy.

Principal Road Safety Officer, John Goff said: "We were delighted with the response we had to the pilot course. We had five participants and received a host of enquiries. You cannot underestimate how important it is for people to learn how to use their scooters safely in public

areas. High streets can be very busy places for example and there have been far too many incidents of people being injured or even killed in a scooter related accident.

"These accidents are easily prevented with a small degree of awareness-raising instruction. These scooters are wonderful and give people a new lease of life, we even had a gentleman who drove tanks against Rommel in north Africa during the war and it has completely rejuvenated his social life. Our job is to help people use mobility scooters for their benefit and safety of everyone."

Get to the right water event this summer

ANYONE who may have missed out on Olympic tickets this summer still has the chance to watch some world class sporting action - right here in Cardiff.

Between June 4 and June 10, the first races of the International Canoe Federation (ICF) Canoe Slalom World Cup will take place in Cardiff Bay, with 38 nations competing against each other in the most prestigious event for canoe slalom professionals.

The action will take place at Cardiff International White Water (CIWW) featuring the best international athletes in the sport up against 12 tonnes

of water per second - with the goal of becoming world number one.

The event will be one of the last chances for competitors to test themselves before London 2012 and give people the chance to see the teams who will compete in the Olympics close-up.

The canoeists will ride a 300m adrenaline fuelled course, racing through up to 25 gates made up of red and green poles in raging rapids. The aim is to achieve the fastest time possible after any time penalties for missing or touching gates.

The CIWW stage is the first of five World Cup

events being held by the ICF and promises to be one of the most exciting canoe slalom competitions in the sporting calendar for paddlers and spectators alike.

As well as being able to watch the action from a specially-built grandstand, spectators will also be able to check out the stands at the event village showcasing the latest in paddle kit and water sports equipment.

- Practice sessions are from June 4 to June 7 with races taking place from June 8 to June 10. You can book your tickets now from the website www.canoecardiff2012.com



• A Slalom competitor at Cardiff International White Water.

A party fit for a Queen

THE Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee this year and Cardiff Council is organising a number of events to celebrate this historic occasion.

There is plenty planned in the capital to mark the event right across the whole of the Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.

On Saturday, June 2, The 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards will stage a home coming parade leaving City Hall at 12noon with the parade going along St Mary Street, Mill Lane and

finishing at The Hayes.

On Sunday, June 3 residents and visitors to Cardiff are invited to attend the Cardiff Big Lunch. The Big Lunch is an initiative launched by the Eden Project to encourage communities to

come together one day a year for lunch.

This year the Big Lunch falls on Jubilee Sunday and the Queen has spoken in support of the initiative as a great way for communities to mark the

Diamond Jubilee.

St Mary Street will become the place to meet for food, music and merriment. Between 12noon and 7pm tables and chairs will be provided for people to bring their own food and join together in the capital's biggest street party.

Food and drink will also be available to buy on site for those who just want to take it easy and enjoy the day.

The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant will also

be screened in the heart of the city and the entertainment will have a retro feel with live bands and street performers. DJ Greg Butler from the Shellac Collective will be playing original music from the 1950s and every decade onwards that the Queen has been on the throne.

To end the Bank Holiday celebrations on Monday June 4, Cardiff joins a network of 2,012 beacons lit by communities and individuals throughout the UK.

Throughout the years Cardiff has held a number of street parties and these two fascinating photos, courtesy of the Glamorgan Archives, show events from down the ages. The first is a street party to celebrate VJ day in Cardiff on 16 August 1945, and the second is a party held in Angelina Street from around 1953 that is believed to have been organised to celebrate the Queen's coronation.

The Council is supporting community organised street parties, just like last year's royal wedding of HRH Prince William and HRH Duchess of Cambridge, and has put together top tips and advice on how to hold a street party.

• Please visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/streetparties for more information.



Hub proves a big success

CARDIFF Council's St Mellons Hub has proved a great success with users and staff alike.

As well as an existing library, the Hub brings together the work of the Council and other agencies under one roof, allowing residents to use the services more quickly and conveniently than ever before. Trained staff are also on hand to help.

Customer Service Advisor, David Taylor, said:

"I've worked at St Mellons Library since 2008. Since it has become the St Mellons Hub, the public have been really receptive to the housing and council services that are now based here. It's great that much needed services can now be accessed directly within the community."

The Hub has a range of services available including:

- Housing
- Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit

- Household waste and recycling
- Street lighting
- Council Tax
- Internet access and online self service

Resident, Heather Morris, said: "Since it has become a hub, there is still a great library service, but also a range of other services I could only previously access by telephone or by going into town."

"I called in recently to

get a book to help me learn how to use my iphone. I mentioned in passing to a member of staff about an issue I was having with an overhanging tree on my street.

"I was amazed that the Hub were able to find out the information I needed to sort this issue out, including letting me actually speak directly to the council department concerned. The issue is now resolved, and I

thought it would be a difficult thing to sort out."

Another resident, Sarah Jeffers, added: "Since the library has become the Hub I have brought my two girls to the weekly story time session. The refurbished library looks great and I love having a child friendly place in the community where I can access council services. This is a brilliant way for libraries to be in the 21st Century."

Have your say on May 3rd

People in Cardiff are being reminded to use their votes and have their say about a host of important local issues in the Council Elections on Thursday, May 3.

With only a few days to go before polling, now is the time when voters will be making up their minds how to cast their votes on polling day and advice has been issued on what to do to make sure your voice is heard.

Plan when to vote

Polling stations are open from 7am to 10pm on Thursday, May 3. Make sure you arrive in good time – by law, polling station staff cannot give out ballot papers after 10pm, even if you are in the polling station. So don't cut it too fine!

Voting by post

People who have registered for a postal vote for this year's Council elections can beat the crowd and cast their vote now even though the polls do not open until May 3. In Cardiff approximately 46,000 people have registered for postal votes. Postal voters need to be received by the Returning Officer by 10pm on Thursday, May 3. If you've left it too late to post back, don't put it in the post box. Call us on 029 2087 2087 to find out where to return it.

On the day

Details of where your polling station is can be found on your poll card. You don't need this to vote, but it may help speed up the process if you have it with you. If you don't, don't let that put you off voting. At the polling station, the staff are there to help you with any practical issues, but of course will not be able to help you decide how to cast your vote.

And finally... stay tuned for the results

The election count in Cardiff will start from the night of Thursday, May 3 onwards, with election results being declared overnight. Full details of the results of the election will be in the next edition of Capital Times.

Reading efforts are the business

CARDIFF school pupils have thanked local businesses for all their support and encouragement in helping them to read more.

Cardiff Council's Reading Power is an innovative new literacy strategy to help improve standards in reading and writing across schools in the city.

It aims to tackle the issue of poor literacy and has been developed to help parents and carers understand the importance of good reading and writing skills to help children succeed in the future.

As part of the initiative, more than 160 volunteers from local businesses and organisations have given time and support to 14 schools in the city. The volunteers from companies including Price Waterhouse Cooper, Admiral, Legal & General, Media Wales and Eversheds spend an hour a week in a school reading with two or three pupils during that time.

Organisations including Albany Church, Cardiff Rotary Club and Llanishen Rotary Club also have volunteers offering support in schools. Pupils in primary and secondary schools including Mt Stuart Primary, Fitzalan, Glyn Derw, Cantonian, Glan yr Afon and Albany Road Primary School

have already greatly benefitted from the visits.

Since its launch in 2010, Reading Power has been making good progress and the schools involved in the campaign are all showing signs of improvement. The feedback from volunteers based in secondary schools is that they have noticed clear progress in the students they read with, especially in terms of reading fluency and comprehension, concentration, confidence and enthusiasm.

Cardiff Council's Chief Executive Jon House said: "Reading and writing are the basic building blocks of education. Teachers in schools across the city are working incredibly hard to ensure children have these key skills. Since the launch of our literacy strategy, there has been a marked increase in the number of functionally literate children leaving primary education and going on to high school. The excellent work the teachers and volunteers do is key to the good progress we are making and hope to continue."

• For more information on the Reading Power campaign, visit www.cardiff.gov.uk/readingpower which provides information on how parents can help their children.



Take action over noise

NOISE Action Week is taking place this month and you can help by reducing noise in your neighbourhood.

Running from May 21 to May 25, Noise Action Week is an annual initiative coordinated by Environmental Protection UK that aims to raise awareness of the problems caused by neighbour noise and the

solutions available to tackle it.

Sound is essential to our daily lives, but noise or unwanted sound is not. It is a source of irritation and stress for many people and can even damage our hearing if it is loud enough.

Cardiff Council investigates approximately 3,000 complaints about noise

nuisance every year - from neighbours with amplified music, DIY activities, barking dogs and house/car alarms to noisy construction sites and music coming from pubs and clubs.

Although the amount of noise made by any one person or household may seem negligible, it can make a real difference to neighbours and even other household members.

Cardiff Council's Noise Pollution team suggest the following tips:

- Site noisy household equipment, like washing machines, away from partition walls.
- Perform noisy DIY jobs during normal waking hours and apologise to neighbours in advance for any potential disturbance.
- When buying a new household appliance, ask how noisy it is.
- Keep the volume of TV,

radio and music as low as possible, especially late at night or use headphones.

- If your dog barks when left alone, arrange to leave it with a friend.
- Replace old or faulty burglar alarms with ones complying with British Standard BS 4737. Notify the local authority that you have an alarm and register a key holder.
- If you have a party, tell your neighbours in advance, and keep the noise to a minimum.
- If using fireworks for a celebration, tell neighbours especially if they have pets, and don't let fireworks off after 11 pm (or 1am at New Year, Diwali, Chinese New Year and Bonfire Night).

Should you have cause to complain about noise pollution call 029 20871650 or email noise&airpollution@cardiff.gov.uk



The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Professor Delme Bowen with Tony Verderame

Lord Mayor honoured with certificate

THE Lord Mayor has been presented with a certificate to mark his contribution to the work of a very special community group.

The Penylan and Cardiff Community Concern Group, which promotes community safety for older people as well as increasing awareness of older persons not become victim of doorstep crime in Cardiff, was set up 14 years ago.

It was founded by Tony Verderame following the death of a Penylan resident who was attacked on their doorstep and suffered horrific injuries. The group works closely with a number of local partners including South Wales Police, the Fire Service and Cardiff Council.

Mr Verderame has won awards for his community work in helping to protect the elderly from bogus callers and doorstep crime and the Group has continued to go from strength

to strength.

Mr Verderame met the Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Delme Bowen, at the Mansion House where he presented him with the certificate.

He said "We are very grateful to the Lord Mayor for his commitment to the safety of Older People in Cardiff. I believe that his contribution to this valuable work deserves recognition and I am very happy to mark this contribution with a special certificate. On behalf of the group I would also like to wish the Lord mayor a happy and healthy retirement."

The Lord Mayor said: "It has been a privilege to work with the Penylan and Cardiff Community Concern Group. They are a fantastic community organisation and the work they do with older people is to be commended. I am very honoured to have received this certificate from them."

Cardiff Community Safety Sergeant James O'Donnell offers crime prevention advice to Capital Times readers.



"IT'S more than metal" is a new campaign by police to protect residents and businesses from metal theft.

Metal theft costs the UK economy around £770m every year with homes, schools, churches and parks all suffering at the hands of metal thieves.

Father Ben Andrews from St Paul's Church in Grangetown, where a main copper gas pipe was stolen, said: "At first I didn't register that anything had been stolen because it's just part of your everyday surroundings, but the strong smell of gas led me to the pipe."

"I was told thieves would have only made around £30 for the scrap but it was a real nuisance. We couldn't use the church until the piping was replaced."

"I'm hoping this campaign will encourage people in the community to pick up the phone and call the police if they do see anything unusual."

As part of the 'It's more than metal' campaign, South Wales Police officers in Cardiff have increased checks of vehicles carrying metal waste and of scrap metal collectors to ensure they are complying with current legislation.

To protect your property

from metal thieves:

- Ensure your gates are locked and your property is secured;
- Restrict access to the roof by moving bins, water butts and tall trees away from the property. Lock ladders away in sheds, garages or compounds;
- Remove any means of transporting stolen material, such as wheelbarrows or bikes;
- Apply anti-climb paint to drainpipes and roof guttering to help restrict access to the roof;
- Consider installing security lighting at your property;
- Paint the lead with tar (makes removal difficult) or any other paint as this devalues the lead;
- Carry out regular checks to roofs and gulleys;
- Consider installing CCTV to cover the property with adequate monitoring and recording;
- Encourage members of your community to keep a vigilant eye on your property and report any suspicious activity

The public can help by reporting any suspicious behaviour such as vehicle registration numbers and descriptions of individuals suspected of metal theft to South Wales Police by calling 101.



Back row (L to R) Alex Mitchell from Hugh James, Geraint Rees Headteacher of Michaelston and Glyn Derw, and Emma Enos from Admiral Insurance. Front row (L to R) Jamie Criddle, Daniel Smith, Callum Dwyer (from Michaelston) James Jelinski, Kate Knight, Jordan Newman, Iesha Perry (from Glyn Derw).



Photograph by Emily Morris

Pam will be greatly missed at St Mary's

CHILDREN, parents and teachers at St Mary the Virgin Church in Wales Primary School have said a fond farewell to a very special member of staff.

Pam Perry has worked at the school in North Church Street, Butetown for the last 17 years and in that time has made a tremendous contribution to the school community.

As well as her efforts in the classroom as a Learning Support Assistant across Key Stage 2, Pam has carried out fantastic work in extra curricular activities at the school, including gardening, organising school trips and Children in Need fundraising events.

She has also helped

develop the school vegetable garden as well as running many other charity events over the years.

To say farewell to Pam the school held a special leaving assembly where the children paid their own tributes to her.

Headteacher Ruth Jackson said: "Mrs Perry has been a super star and will be missed by pupils, parents, staff and governors. Her fund raising activities have brought so much joy and fun. On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish her all the best in her retirement. I know she will have more time for her passion of Tai Chi and enjoy holidays in her caravan."

• Keen readers from St Mary juniors say thank you to Mrs Perry in the school library

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• The Right Honourable Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Councillor Professor Delme Bowen and members of the Bangladeshi community at the flag raising ceremony.

Cardiff flying the flag for Bangladesh

A flag raising ceremony celebrating the 41st anniversary of the birth of Bangladesh as an independent country has taken place at Cardiff Castle.

Hosted by Lord Mayor, councillor Delme Bowen, the event was attended by representatives of the Bangladeshi community and their special guests.

The program started with the Bangladeshi national anthem sang by

the BanglaCymru cultural group up on the walls of Cardiff Castle, opposite Queen Street and was followed by the flag raising.

The Lord Mayor said: "Cardiff has always been an incredibly multi-cultural city and that is one of the things that makes it such a fascinating place to live. The

Bangladeshi community have a strong presence in the city and play an important role in

adding to the cosmopolitan mix of the Welsh capital.

"I was honoured to take part in this flag raising ceremony and very much enjoyed listening to such a rousing performance of the Bangladeshi national anthem."

He added: "In its 41st year of independence it is good to see Bangladesh continuing to flourish as a nation and being a strong and important member of the Commonwealth."

Capital Events...



Another event brought to you by Cardiff Council www.cardiff.gov.uk or Call C2C on 2087 2087

New Theatre

Tel: 2087 8889

Book online @ www.newtheatrecardiff.co.uk

Henry V

Tuesday, May 1 – Saturday, May 5 Evenings 7.30pm; Thursday & Saturday matinees 2.30pm
Globe Theatre On Tour presents Shakespeare's masterpiece about the turbulence of war and the art of peace.

Dancing in the Streets

Monday, May 7 – Saturday, May 12
Monday – Thursday 7.30pm; Friday & Saturday 5.30pm & 8.30pm
Experience the energy, the excitement, the emotion and the electricity of Motown.

Swallows and Amazons

Tuesday, May 15 – Saturday, May 19
Evenings 7pm; Wednesday & Thursday matinees 1pm; Saturday Matinee 2pm
An action-packed musical adventure for the whole family

I Dreamed a Dream

Tuesday, May 22 – Saturday, May 26
Evenings 7.30pm; Thursday and Saturday matinees 2.30pm
Susan Boyle will make a guest appearance in this new musical that charts her extraordinary story.

The Tiger Who Came To Tea

Thursday, May 31 – Saturday, June 2
Thursday 2pm & 4.30pm; Friday 10am & 1.30pm; Saturday 11am & 2pm
Packed with oodles of magic, sing-a-long songs and clumsy chaos in this family show.

St David's Hall

Tel: 2087 8444

Book online @ www.stdavidshallcardiff.co.uk

Imelda May

Wednesday, May 2, 7.30pm
The rise of Imelda May has been unstoppable since the release of her album 'Mayhem'.

The Tallis Scholars

Thursday, May 3, 7.30pm
A rare performance of the Tallis 40-part motet Spem in alium.

Strictly Golden Oldies Tea Dance

Friday, May 4, 1.30pm
Join Stan Stennett for an afternoon of dancing.

Jethro Tull's Ian Anderson

Saturday, May 5, 7.30pm
Folk legend Anderson performs one of the Tull's most iconic albums.

10cc Live in Concert

Sunday, May 6, 7.30pm
One of the most successful groups of the 70's embark on a nationwide tour.

Alan Barnes

Tuesday, May 8, 8pm
Join us for a new series of jazz on the level with

the Capital City Jazz Orchestra and Alan Barnes.

Lunchtime Concert - Thomas Trotter

Tuesday, May 8, 1pm
A performance by the Organist at St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey.

Royal Philharmonic Orchestra - International Concert Series

Friday, May 11, 7.30pm
Beethoven's Concerto Cycle is performed by Freddy Kempf.

With a Song in my Heart

Sunday, May 13, 7pm
The event will raise funds for British Heart Foundation Cymru's Mending Broken Hearts Appeal.

An Appointment with The Waterboys

Monday, May 14, 7.30pm
The Waterboys continue to make genre-busting records merging country, traditional, blues and gospel.

Roots Unearthed - Heidi Talbot

Tuesday, May 15, 8pm
A mix of traditional and contemporary material.

Lunchtime Concert - Sarah Trickey & Daniel Tong

Tuesday, May 15, 1pm
The A Major Sonata is probably the most lyrical of Brahms's three sonatas for violin and piano.

Friday Night is Music Night

Wednesday, May 16, 7pm
Show stopping tunes with the BBC Concert Orchestra and Welsh stars. Conductor Owain Arwel Hughes CBE.

That'll Be The Day

Friday, May 18, 7.30pm
Prepare yourself for a party as the nation's favourite rock 'n' roll variety show returns.

St David's Praise - A Journey

Saturday, May 19, 7.30pm
An evening of the finest Christian music with hymns and songs in many styles.

Philharmonia Orchestra - International Concert Series

Tuesday, May 22, 7.30pm
Berlioz's Symphonie Fantastique is surely the most passionate and public love-letter ever written. Conductor Vladimir Ashkenazy.

Karl Jenkins

Wednesday, May 23, 7.30pm
Orchestra of Welsh National Opera Karl Jenkins conducts a superb concert.

BBC National Orchestra of Wales - Debussy & Shostakovich

Friday, May 25, 7.30pm
The vibrant orchestral colours conjure the heat and dancing crowds of Spain. Conductor François-Xavier Roth.

Ramin - In Concert

Saturday, May 26, 7.30pm
Ramin performs a varied programme of stunning new songs and much loved West End favourites.

Show The Nation

Sunday, May 27, 3pm
Show The Nation has teamed up with some of Cardiff's finest Dance Schools to raise money for the Noah's Ark Appeal.

Roots Unearthed - Alasdair Fraser and Natalie Haas

Tuesday, May 29, 8pm
The performance will display the duo's dazzling teamwork and dancing rhythms.

Lunchtime Concert - Mavron Quartet

Tuesday, May 29, 1pm
To mark the Mavron Quartet's tenth anniversary, the work will premier at this lunchtime concert.

Essence of Ireland

Thursday, May 31 – Friday, June 1, 7.30pm
Five star Irish Magic combining breathtaking dance routines and the very best of Irish music.

Cardiff Castle

Tel: 2087 8100 www.cardiffcastle.com

The Romans Return

Saturday, May 19 – Sunday, May 20, 10am – 5pm
A great family weekend with dressing-up for children, drills, games and the chance to march with a Roman soldier. For ticket prices visit www.cardiffcastle.com

Park Events

Tel: 2068 4000 www.cardiff.gov.uk/parks

Tree Walk – Cathays Cemetery

Tuesday, May 1, 7pm – 8.30pm
A guided walk looking at the different trees in one of the largest Victorian cemeteries in Britain. No dogs permitted. Meet at Fair Oak Road entrance to Cathays Cemetery. Free.

Why life is tough for the Blue Tits of Bute Park - Lecture by: Dr Peter Ferns, Cardiff University

Thursday, May 3, 6pm – 7.30pm
This lecture compares the diet, breeding effort and success of the blue tits with that of other habitats. To book call 029 2078 8403. Meet at the Bute Park Education Centre. £3 entry.

Pedal Power Dawn Chorus Walk

Saturday, May 5, 6am - 9.30am
A gentle walk through the park to listen to and identify bird song. To book call 029 2039 0713 or visit www.cardiffpedalpower.org. Meet at Pedal Power, Pontcanna Caravan Site. £5 (includes breakfast).

Cefn Onn Spring Walk

Saturday, May 5, 10am – 1pm
Join the rangers for a walk to Coed Tranch yr Hebog to discover what spring flowers and other

wildlife abound in this beautiful woodland. Meet at Cefn Onn car park. Free.

Understanding Funerals

Tuesday, May 8, 6pm – 9pm
Learn how to be in control of a funeral and the costs in order to obtain the type of funeral you want. Meet at the Briwnant Chapel at Thornhill Crematorium. To book call 029 2054 4820. Free.

Hanging Basket Workshop at Victoria Park

Saturday, May 12, 10am–2pm & 2pm–4pm (two sessions)
Make your own hanging basket and receive practical advice from the Park Rangers. Meet at the Bowls Pavilion, Victoria Park. To book call 029 2044 5911/903. £12.50 (includes everything needed to make a basket).

Hanging Basket Workshop at Roath Park Conservatory

Sunday, May 13, 10am–12pm & 2pm–6pm (Two sessions)
Make your own hanging basket and receive practical advice from the Park Rangers. Meet at Roath Park Conservatory. To book call 029 2044 5911/903. £12.50 (includes everything needed to make a basket).

Monthly Bird Walk at Forest Farm

Saturday, May 19, 10am–12.30pm
A guided walk to identify local birds led by RSPB Cardiff and the Friends of Forest Farm. Bring binoculars if you have them. Meet at the Warden's Centre, Forest Farm. Free.

Foods of the Forest

Wednesday, May 23, 6pm
Discover the tasty treats Mother Nature has in store around the forest and taste some of the delicious delicacies. Meet at the Warden's Centre, Forest Farm Road, Whitchurch. £3 entry.

History Trail

Thursday, May 24, 3pm – 6pm
A guided walk from Pontcanna Caravan Site to St John's Church in Cardiff city centre via Bute Park looking at some of the people and places associated with Cardiff's rich history. Meet at the Warden's Office, Pontcanna Caravan Site. Free.

Forest Farm Wildlife Watch Club

Saturday, May 26, 10am–12pm
Come along and have lots of fun taking part in activities with other nature detectives. Ages 8 to 12 years and families. Contact Gareth at gstamp@cardiff.gov.uk or call 029 2044 5903 for a programme. For information, visit www.welshwildlife.org/Watchgroups

Meltingriffith and Forest Farm – a glimpse at the past

Sunday, May 27, 10.30am
A walk along the Taff Trail passing the site of the Meltingriffith tin plate works and the water lift pump. Return along the route of the Glamorganshire Canal. Meet at the Warden's Centre. Refreshments provided by the Friends of Forest Farm. Free.

Introduction to Bird Identification

Tuesday, May 29, 6pm - 9pm
Indoor meeting to learn the basics of bird ID led by Pedal Power. This will be followed by a walk on June 2 (see below) to put into practice what you have learnt. Come to one or both events. To book call 029 2039 0713 or visit www.cardiffpedalpower.org £5 -indoor meeting (includes lunch), £10 - follow up walk (includes lunch) or £12 for both.

Bird Walk

Saturday, June 2, 9am - 12.30pm
A walk through Pontcanna Fields and Bute Park to identify birds that can be seen in the variety of habitats found here. This walk can be done on its own or as a follow up to the session above. To book call 029 2039 0713 or visit www.cardiffpedalpower.org £10 (includes lunch) or £12 for both.

Libraries

Tel: 2038 2116 Web: www.cardiff.gov.uk/libraryevents

Children's activities

Cardiff Libraries provide free Rhyme Time, Story Time and Language and Play sessions for babies and toddlers.

Central Library, The Hayes, has Rhyme Time for 0 -2 year olds every Wednesday and Thursday morning at 10.30am. Please book a place by telephoning 029 2078 0953 or emailing childrenslibrary@cardiff.gov.uk

Story Time for 2 - 4 year olds in Central Library is on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10.30am.

We also have lots of activities happening across Cardiff. Contact your local branch library to find out what activities are available for young children close to your home.

Canton Library 2022 9935
Cathays Library 2078 5580
Ely Library 2056 2064
Fairwater Library 2078 5583
Grangetown Library 2023 0526
Llandaff North Library 2061 3182
Llanedeyrn Library 2073 1428
Llanishen Library 2075 0634
Llanrumney Library 2078 0994
Penylan Library 2078 8400
Radyr Library 2084 2234
Rhiwbina Library 2069 3276
Rhydpennau Library 2075 4657
Roath Library 2049 4538
Rumney Library 2079 5834
Splott Library 2046 2522
St Mellon's Library 2078 0992
Whitchurch Library 2062 8951

Coffee Morning

Rhydpennau Library. Every last Friday of the month. Fairtrade tea and filter coffee provided. Quizzes, newspapers and crosswords available. Call 029 2075 4657 for details.

Live Music

Central Library. Saturday from 1pm. A wide range of artists performing live. Call the library on 029 2078 0959 for details.

Flatholm

Tel: 2087 7900 www.flatholmisland.com

Rich in wildlife, steeped in history, this unique island is a perfect getaway for the whole family. Boats depart from Cardiff Bay Barrage and you can find out more about sailing times/dates by calling 029 2087 7912 or visit www.flatholmisland.com

There are also opportunities to stay overnight at this beautiful location just 5 miles from Cardiff.

Wales Millenium Centre

Tel: 029 2063 6464 Web: www.wmc.org.uk

Rhod Gilbert: The Man with the Flaming Battenberg Tattoo

Tuesday, May 1 – Saturday, May 5, 8pm
Following several sell-out UK tours Rhod Gilbert is back on the road with a brand new live show.

Incubator Sharing

Thursday, May 3, 7pm
Incubator Project applicants creatively try out their new ideas.

7 Day Drunk

Friday, May 4, 8pm
7 Day Drunk is a poignant take on the effects of alcohol on performers, artists and their creations.

Meet the Artist, See the Art: Natya STEM Dance Kampni

Saturday, May 5, 8pm
A magical and entrancing evening for the whole family to enjoy together.

Translunar Paradise

Saturday, May 5, 8pm
The live accordion, movement and the use of masks will take you on a journey.

Butetown Bay Jazz Heritage Festival – Glanfa Stage

Sunday, May 6, 11am – 10pm
Free event to celebrate Cardiff Dockland's Jazz Heritage. For information, visit www.butetownbayjazz.co.uk

The Ultimate Gala Concert with Dame Kiri Te Kanawa and Dennis O'Neill

Monday, May 7, 4.30pm
The Gala Concert features a star-studded cast and orchestra. Conducted by Andrew Greenwood.

Afternoon Concert with Matthias Bamert

Wednesday, May 16, 2pm
Hear music of emotional depth and richness in this Die Harmonie de Welt opera.

Meet the Artist, See the Art: Joanna Young

Saturday, May 19, 8pm
This is a unique opportunity to see the early stages of Joanna's new ensemble work.

Welsh National Opera: Tristan and Isolde

Saturday, May 19 – Saturday, June 2, 5pm
Wagner's music is of such potency that audiences will find it hard to resist. Conductor Lothar Koenigs.

Meet the Artist, See the Art: Encounters with Dance

Monday, May 21 – Tuesday, May 22, 7pm
Cardiff Metropolitan University BA (Hons) Dance degree students present evenings of dance.

Dracula: The Music and Film

Sunday, May 27, 8pm
A spine-chillingly unique experience to enjoy this vintage horror movie. Conducted by Michael Reisman.

Welsh National Opera: La bohème

Friday, June 1 – Saturday June 9, 7.15pm.
Sunday, June 3, 4pm
One of the best-loved of all operas and is one of the greatest love stories ever sung. Conductor Carlo Rizzi.

The Lady Boys of Bangkok

Friday, June 1 – Saturday, June 9, 7pm, 9pm.
Tuesday, June 5, 4.30pm, 7pm
See elaborate costumes and feel the carnival beats under the Sabai Pavilion on Roald Dahl Plass.

Millennium Stadium

Tel: 0870 013 8600
www.millenniumstadium.com

SWALEC Finals day

Monday, May 7, Bowl 12.30pm, Plate 2.45pm, Cup 5pm
Six teams have battled their way to the SWALEC Cup finals day.

Norwegian Church Art Centre

Tel: 2029 7959
www.norwegianchurchcardiff.com

Joie de Vivre Boutique Market

Sunday, May 20, 12pm – 5pm
A varied and eclectic mix of stalls that changes monthly, including local hand crafted goods.

Lonely Dear Concert

Friday, May 11, 8pm – 10.30pm
Loney Dear is the pseudonym of Swedish singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Emil Svanängen. £10 entry.

Norway's Constitution Day

Thursday, May 17, 10.30am - 12pm Free
The Welsh Norwegian Society invites you to join them for their annual celebration of Norway's Constitution Day. Free.

Octave in concert

Friday, May 18, 7.30pm – 10.30pm
Transporting you to the golden era of Hollywood with favourite songs from stage and screen.

Joanna Chapman-Smith

Wednesday, May 23, 8pm
Acoustic urban Canadiana fused with jazzy and European flavours. Admission £8.

City and Bay Events

Email: events@cardiff.gov.uk
Email: Eventsmarketing@cardiff.gov.uk
www.cardiff.gov.uk
www.cardiff-festival.com
2087 2087/8 (cym). All events subject to confirmation. Information on the L8 (late) night bus service is available from: 0870 608 2608 and www.cardiffbus.com

Community Event

Every Saturday, 9.30am – 1pm
Roath Art & Craft Bazaar in conjunction with the local Farmers' Market at Mackintosh Sports & Social Club, 38 Keppoch Street, Roath. Free entry.

Community Event

Saturday, May 12, 9.30am - 12.30pm
Plants, bric a brac, books, toys, cakes sale at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidlus Road, Llanishen Cardiff. Refreshments available. All proceeds go to Christian Aid.

Community Coffee Morning

Wednesday, May 23rd 10am - 1pm
Cantonian High School, Fairwater Road, Cardiff
Advice available from the benefits agency, Want2Work, Communities First and advice on healthy living and exercise over a cup of coffee.

Rhiwbina Floral Society

Meets every first and third Tuesday of the month at Rhiwbina Memorial Hall, Lon Ucha, CF14 6HL. For information visit, www.rhiwbinafloralsociety.org.uk

Cardiff Philatelic Society

For collectors of stamps, postcards or postal history. Meets Tuesday evenings 7.30pm at Llanishen Baptist Church, Fidlus Road, Llanishen, CF14 5LZ. For information, visit www.cardiffphilatelicsociety.org.uk

The Gate Arts and Community Centre

For performance information please visit www.thegate.org.uk or call 029 2048 3344.

Sherman Cymru

For performance information please visit www.shermancymru.co.uk

National Museum Cardiff

For exhibition and event information please visit www.museumwales.ac.uk/ or call 029 2057 3000.

St Fagans: National History Museum

For exhibition and event information please visit www.museumwales.ac.uk/en/stfagans/ or call 029 2057 3500.

Cardiff International White Water

Experience the thrill of white water rafting with our half-day taster sessions as well as longer courses to develop your skills. Suitable for all abilities, aged 8+. Contact 029 2082 9970 or visit www.ciww.com for more information.

Cardiff Bay Water Activity Centre

Learn sailing, rowing, powerboating, windsurfing, archery, fishing and more. Contact 029 2087 7977 or 029 2035 3912 or visit www.cbvac.com

The official opening of the Wales Coast Path - Roald Dahl Plass, Cardiff Bay

Saturday, May 5, 11am – 4pm
Join the celebrations to mark the launch of the world's first continuous coastal path around a country.

Bright Lights, Big City

Thursday, May 24, 7.30pm at The Cardiff Story, The Old Library, The Hayes.
A special symphony composed by John Rea and performed live for the first time, featuring Shan Cothi, DJ Jaffa and MC Redeye. Tickets £30 includes drinks and canapés on arrival. To book call 029 2087 8444.

London 2012 Olympic Torch Relay Special City Celebration, presented by Coca Cola

Friday, May 25
This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the Olympic Torch as it passes through the streets of Cardiff before it arrives in Cooper's Field for a spectacular Evening Celebration, where the winners of the 'Big Gig' will get to perform alongside some big name acts. For information visit www.london2012.com/event/9000962536

Cardiff Festival 2012 Strawberry - Jam packed full of events

Friday, May 25 – Saturday, September 2
A fusion of artistic, sporting and cultural events spread across the city during the summer months. From food festivals to family picnics; musicals to mela's; sailing to street theatre. Squeeze the most out of your summer and just pick your own event! Visit www.cardiff-festival.com



Come to the Cardiff Sessions

THE Cardiff Story Museum has teamed up with two of Cardiff's top music institutions to curate The Cardiff Sessions, a night of free live music in the museum's galleries.

On May 18, five Cardiff acts chosen by The Cardiff Story, Clwb Ifor Bach and Spillers Records will take the stage for The Cardiff Sessions.

The Gentle Good, Spencer McGarry, Evening Chorus, Miss Maud's Folly and Little Arrow make up the night's stellar line-up, with Radio Wales DJ Georgia Ruth Williams hosting. The night will also include a music quiz with prizes provided by Spillers Records.

The Cardiff Sessions will celebrate some of the best

live music Cardiff has to offer, and also give visitors a chance to see the galleries and the city's history in a new light.

The event is part of the Museums at Night, an annual after-hours celebration of arts, culture and heritage when hundreds of museums, galleries, libraries, archives and heritage sites open their doors for special evening events. It is coordinated by Culture24, and takes place over the weekend of Friday, May 18 – Sunday, May 20.

Rachel Carney, Learning Officer at The Cardiff Story said: "We're really excited about The Cardiff Sessions. It's not the kind of event you'd usually expect to find in a museum, so it's a great

opportunity to attract new audiences to the galleries. Clwb Ifor Bach and Spillers are the mother ships of the Cardiff music scene – nobody is better placed to curate an evening of some of the best our city has to offer."

The Cardiff Story Museum is now developing a new gallery, Cardiff Communities, to further explore Cardiff's history of sport, leisure and culture. Do you have any stories or objects that could help tell this story? Maybe you danced at Clwb Ifor Bach or bought your first record at Spillers? If so, the museum would love to hear from you. Contact the Collections Team on 029 2078 8250 or email cardiffstory@cardiff.gov.uk

Museums at Night

the Cardiff SESSIONS

An evening of live Cardiff music curated by **The Cardiff Story, Clwb Ifor Bach and Spillers Records**

Featuring:

- THE GENTLE GOOD
- SPENCER MCGARRY
- EVENING CHORUS
- MISS MAUD'S FOLLY
- LITTLE ARROW

MC Georgia Ruth Williams

Friday 18 May 2012
7.30pm
The Cardiff Story Museum

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PUBLIC NOTICE

VENUES FOR CIVIL CEREMONIES

An application has been received from the Holiday Inn, Castle Street, Cardiff for the registration of the premises to be used as a venue for civil marriages and or civil partnerships.

The applications and the accompanying plans can be inspected between 9.0 am and 4.0 pm, Monday to Friday, at City Hall, Cardiff.

Any person wishing to object to the grant of an approval should write with reasons for the objection to the undersigned, within 21 days of this Notice.

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS MENU 30 APRIL -25 MAY 2012

MONDAY 30 APRIL / 21 MAY	TUESDAY 01 MAY / 22 MAY	WEDNESDAY 02 MAY / 23 MAY	THURSDAY 03 MAY / 24 MAY	FRIDAY 04 MAY / 25 MAY
Meatballs in Gravy Veggie Balls in Gravy Sandwiches on Toast Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas Carrots Homemade Apple and Mango Crumble with Custard A range of desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Homemade Pasta Bolognese Homemade Pasta Napolitan Garlic Bread Jacket Potato filled with Cheese or Baked Beans Green Beans Peaches with Ice Cream A range of desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Homemade Chicken Korma Homemade Vegetable Korma Oven Baked Crispy Golden Fish Rice Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas Tomato Sauce Homemade Lemon Drizzle Sponge A range of desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Roast Beef Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy Pork Sausage Vegetable Sausage Roast/New Potatoes Broccoli Sweetcorn Muller Fruit Yogurt A range of desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Oven Baked Fish Fingers Homemade Golden Cheese Wheel Cajun Potatoes New Potatoes Garden Peas Coleslaw Fruit Sponge with Custard A range of desserts to include Fresh fruit or Muller Yoghurts
07 MAY	08 MAY	09 MAY	10 MAY	11 MAY
BANK HOLIDAY	Homemade Pepperoni Pasta Bake Homemade Vegetarian Pasta Bake Jacket Potato filled with Tuna or Cheese Sweetcorn Homemade Rice Pudding A range of desserts to include Fresh fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Homemade Chicken Tikka Homemade Vegetable Tikka Oven Baked Fish Finger Wrap Potato Wedges Mixed Vegetables Coleslaw Homemade Cornflake Crisp A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Roast Turkey Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy Cheese Vegetable Pastry Roast/New Potatoes Cabbage Carrots Coconut Slice A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Oven Baked Crispy Golden Fish Cheese Egg and Potato Bake Creamed Potatoes Garden Peas Baked Beans Apple and Strawberry Tart with Custard A range of desserts to include Fresh fruit or Muller Yoghurts
14 MAY	15 MAY	16 MAY	17 MAY	18 MAY
Homemade Margherita Pizza Jacket Potato filled with Tuna or Baked Beans Herby Diced Potatoes Baked Beans Homemade Rice Pudding A range of desserts to include Fresh fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Beefburger in a Bap Chipped Potatoes Coleslaw Tomato Sauce Homemade Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Custard A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Homemade BBQ Chicken Homemade Vegetable Curry Savoury Rice Broccoli Sweetcorn Homemade Chocolate Crunch Cookies with Apple Wedges A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Roast Pork Sage and Onion Stuffing and Gravy Homemade Corned Beef Pie Homemade Cheese and Potato Pie Roast/New Potatoes Broccoli Carrots Fruit Jelly with Ice Cream A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts	Alaskan Salmon Bake Country Vegetable Bake Creamed Potatoes Spaghetti Hoops Peas Homemade Eves Pudding with Custard A range of Desserts to include Fresh Fruit or Muller Yoghurts

Fresh salad, extra bread and an extra piece of fruit are offered daily.
This is a vegetarian product or a vegetarian version is available. Please note that different term dates may apply. This menu represents our full range of meals, your school may have requested a smaller selection.

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10 Reasons to choose school meals

1. Home cooking from quality and fresh ingredients features strongly on our Primary School Menu.
2. Our recipes now have less fat, sugar and salt.
3. School meals are a convenient choice for working parents.
4. We offer a wide variety of foods over a three week cycle, with at least two choices of main meal each day and a vegetarian option.
5. We ensure children have appropriate portions and food combinations.
6. Fresh salad, extra bread and fruit are offered daily.
7. We hold tasters and theme days all year around.
8. Hot meals are perfect for the colder months. We also offer sandwiches, baguettes and pasta pots during the warmer months.
9. School meals are exciting, ask your school when you can have a lunch.
10. Ask your school about flexible payment options.